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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT: DRAFT TAX TREATY

**REF: STATE 171167** 

- 1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL, DCM ADVISED DR. EFFAT THAT TREASURY PREPARED TO INITIAL REVISED DRAFT OF TAX TREATY AND ALSO OF BAROUDI ROLE IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS. EFFAT WAS PLEASED AT RESPONSE AND SUGGESTED THAT DCM CONTACT MINFIN UNDERSEC HABIB IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY ON TREATY.
- 2. WHEN DCM CONVEYED SAME INFORMATION TO HABIB,
  HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION RE DRAFT
  TAX TREATY AND WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS FROM BAROUDI. HABIB
  EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN RECEIVING COPY OF NEW DRAFT INCLUDING
  CHANGES ALLUDED TO IN REFTEL. SINCE BAROUDI WAS DUE TO
  ARRIVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, HOWEVER, HABIB SUGGESTED THAT ANY
  FURTHER COMMUNICATION TO WASHINGTON AWAIT HIS DISCUSSION
  OF MATTER WITH BAROUDI.
- 3. HABIB TELEPHONED JULY 30 TO SAY THAT BAROUDI DID NOT HAVE REVISED DRAFT TAX TREATY TEXT IN HIS POSSESSION AND HE CONFIRMED HIS REQUEST THAT TEXT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE MIGHT REVIEW MINOR CHANGES AND ALSO SPECIFICALLY TEXT OF DIVIDEND ARTICLE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. SINCE CONVERSATION WITH HABIB REVEALED THAT MATTERS HAD NOT YET PROCEEDED TO THE POINT OF INITIALLING TREATY DRAFT, DCM DID NOT DISCUSS SUGGESTION THAT HABIB MIGHT WISH TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. COMMENT: HABIB SEEMS DISPOSED TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY TOWARD CONCLUSION OF TAX TREATY PROVIDED THAT REVISED TEXT ACCEPTABLE. HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON VACATION EARLY NEXT WEEK (PROBABLY AUGUST 5) AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH REVISED TEXT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. EILTS

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